

City of Concord Recreation and Park Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes from April 19, 2007 Held at COMF

Attendance:

Committee Members, Janet Schofield, Mary Miller, Lauren Fiedler, Chiara Dolcino, Andrea Goldberg, Bruce Alleyne, Cheryl Bourassa, Janet Schofield, Liz Odell, Councilor Jim Bouley and Councilor Keith Nyhan

Staff Members:

David Gill – Recreation Department, Chris Jacques – General Services,

Agenda Items:

- Band Stand possible Donation
- Senior Center Letter
- Revenue Sub Committee Update

Meeting called to order by Andrea at 5 pm

BANDSTAND DONATION: David submitted a letter from Steven Levenworth regarding the possible donation of the Bandstand currently located at the former Centennial Senior Center. David spoke with Mr. Levenworth and his group “The Centennial Squires” several times relative to them agreeing to pay for the cost of the relocation and the set up of the Bandstand at a new location. Mr. Levenworth is not sure if the new owners of the former Centennial Sr. Center are willing to give away the Bandstand, however, he is still optimistic. David mentioned that he has meet with Chip Chesley and Phil Bilodeau and they recommend if the City was to receive this donation we would place it at Rollins Park, per the Rollins Master Plan. Councilor Nyhan made a motion if the bandstand is donated to the City that we accept it and locate it at Rollins Park per the master plan. Passed Unanimously.

SENIOR CENTER LETTER: Councilor Nyhan made a motion to tabled this item until the May meeting to allow time for Community Development to look into the issue. Short discussion the committee did agree that there is a need for a Senior Center and maybe when the new Height Community Center is built it could serve as a true Community Center – serving seniors, families and adults. Councilor Nyhans motion passed unanimously.

REVENUE SUB COMMITTEE UPDATE

Andrea gave an update on the committee’s findings and recommendations. The Sub Committee has met with the following groups: Little Leagues, Adult Leagues, Babe Ruth and Legion. Overall the proposed fee increases have been well received. Several groups have expressed concerns over field maintenance, procedure of closing fields due to weather and the need for more fields. The Sub Committee is meeting with the Football and Lacrosse Leagues tonight and will also meet with the Private schools over the next

couple of weeks. They hope to be able to give a full report/recommendation at the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

David submitted two letters he received this week, one from Andrea Jalbert regarding the Track Conditions at Memorial Field and another from a group of concerned residents regarding the need for more access and support for Nordic Skiing. Both letters will be discussed at the May meeting

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

David Gill
Recreation Supervisor